

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
  - a device for communicating a packet, the device including a plurality of sets of indicators associated with a connection interface, the indicators being activated in response to detected protocols associated with the interface;
  - each set of indicators being in a different platform layer and each indicator in each set being associated with a different protocol operating within its respective layer;
  - and
  - whereby, in response to a packet being communicated with the device, one or more protocols associated with the packet being detected and the detected protocol activating a respective indicator in a respective layer.
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device includes a router.
3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device includes a switch.
4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device includes a storage device.
5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device includes a network interface card.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the packet includes a first header and a second header, wherein the device is configured to detect the first protocol in response to the first header, and wherein the device is configured to detect the second protocol in response to the second header.
7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device includes at least one hardware component configured to detect the first protocol and the second protocol.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the device includes a program configured to detect the protocol.
9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the program includes a device driver.
10. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
  - providing a device for communicating a packet, the device including a plurality of sets of indicators associated with a connection interface, the indicators being activated in response to detected protocols associated with the interface;
  - providing each set of indicators in a different platform layer, each indicator in each set being associated with a different protocol operating within its respective layer; and
  - whereby, in response to a packet being communicated with the device, one or more protocols associated with the packet being detected and the detected protocol activating a respective indicator in a respective layer.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
  - detecting the first protocol in response to a first header included in the packet; and
  - detecting the second protocol in response to a second header included in the packet.
12. – 22. (Canceled)
23. (Withdrawn). A device comprising:
  - an adaptor card;
  - a protocol indicator panel coupled to the card;
  - a plurality of sets of indicators included with the panel; and
  - each of the sets of indicators being associated with a different one of a plurality of platform layers including:
    - a transport layer;
    - a network layer;
    - a data link layer; and
    - a physical layer.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the device transmits a packet.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the device receives a packet.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the device includes a router.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the device includes a switch.
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the device includes a storage device.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the device includes a network interface card.